



Transportation Commission

April 6, 2011





Agenda Item #2

Funding Update



Funding Update

- City Council:
 - City's Long Range TDM Plan presented to Council on March 22
- Commonwealth Transportation Board:
 - Alexandria requested to reprogram some funds, including transfer of \$1m from Clermont Connector to Potomac Yard project
- Transportation Planning Board:
 - Approved funds to provide research support for WMATA governance activities.
 - Approved resolution amending FY2010 to allow HOV access ramp at Seminary / I-395

Funding Update

- WMATA:
 - Received report on taking 3 peak hour Blue Line trips across Yellow line bridge and public notification process
- NVTC:
 - Held meeting to discuss legislation affecting transit. Primary concern is HR-1 that would eliminate \$150m of federal assistance that helps to pay for infrastructure renewal and safety projects at WMATA
- NVTa:
 - Developed final recommendations on FY2013-17 RSTP-CMAQ allocation plan; Submitted to the Commonwealth



Agenda Item #3

Route 1 Busway



Busway Chronology

- Alternatives Analysis- Finished June, 2003
- Implementation Strategy- December, 2005
- Gathering Funding from FTA and FHWA- Started 2006
- Corridor Wide Documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE) for Busway- 2007
- City Decision to Use Median of U.S.-1- June 16, 2007
- City and County Decisions to Redevelop Corridor- 2009-2010

Busway Chronology

- Application for TIGER funding of Transitway- August, 2009
- Award of TIGER grant of \$8.5 million for transitway- February, 2010
- Final TIGER grant awarded- December, 2010
- Complete Documented Categorical Exclusion for Project in Alexandria- 3/25/11
- TIGER Funds must be obligated and spent quickly, since these are stimulus funds.

Current Activities

- Currently developing a set of design-build documents for this project.
- Alexandria is working with Arlington County to develop an operations plan for the busway.
 - Such issues as the type of transit services which will use the busway,
 - the manner that existing bus services should be modified, and
 - enforcement of the busway will all be considered.
 - First public meeting will be at Cora Kelly Recreation Center on April 13, 2011 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

Future Activities

- Alexandria will work with Arlington to do an environmental assessment of streetcars in the corridor.
- Separate Bid Package for stations will be placed for bid, conscious of possible future conversion to streetcars.
- Busway will be finished in late 2013 or early 2014.



Agenda Item #4

Long Range Plan Update



Transportation Project Lists

- **LRP-** *Unconstrained* list of transportation projects, programs and studies
- **Project Matrix** – *Constrained* list of transportation projects for which full or partial funding has been identified

Projects will only appear on one list

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRP)

1. Project List – capital projects which are not funded (prioritized by the Transportation Commission)
2. Program List
3. Studies List

Proposed Annual Cycle

March-April	Review of LRP and Project Matrix lists Initial screening of projects Create draft list of projects
May	Draft LRP Public input Council Adoption of Budget
June	Adoption of LRP by Transportation Commission
July	Review CIP for upcoming fiscal year Review funding availability
September-October	Public Hearing CIP recommendation to City Manager



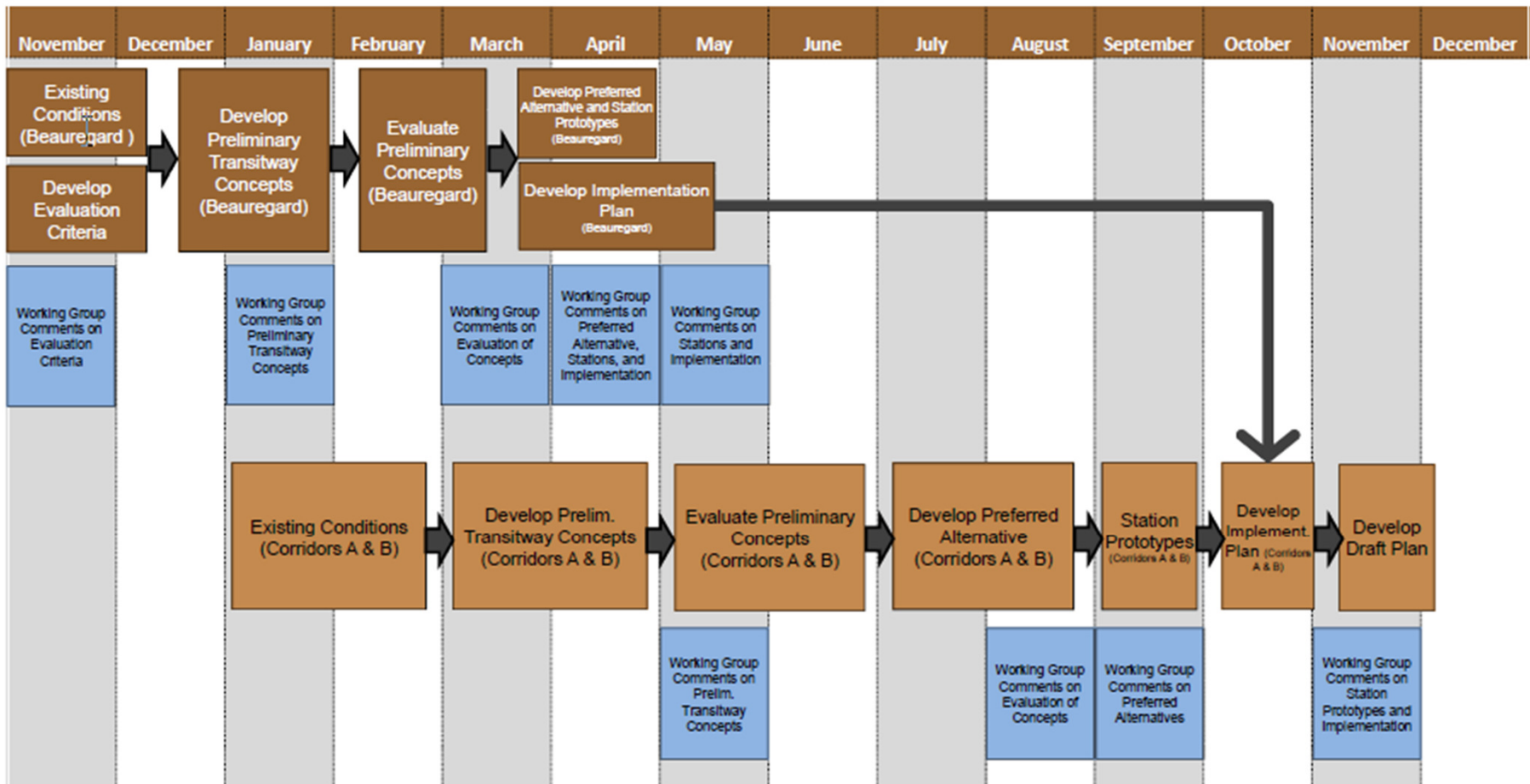
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Transitway Corridor Feasibility Study



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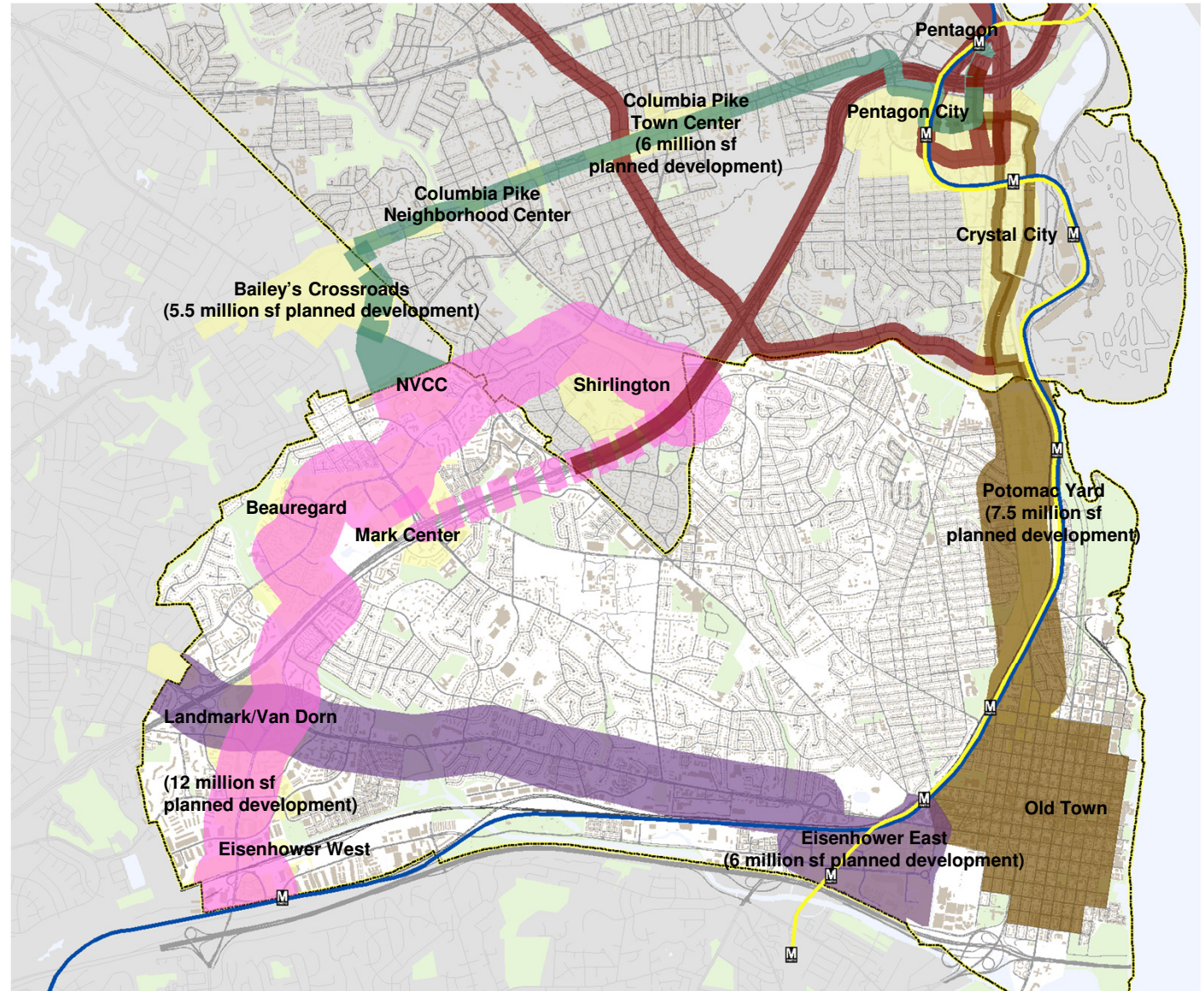
Project Process / Schedule



Regional Context

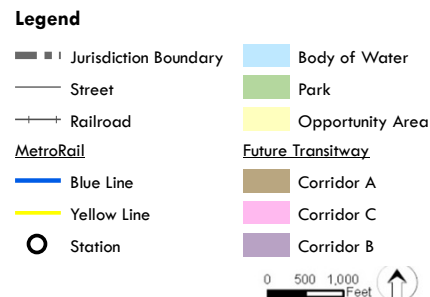
Regional Destinations

- Bailey's Crossroads
- Beauregard
- Columbia Pike
- Crystal City
- Eisenhower East
- Eisenhower West
- Kingstowne
- Landmark/Van Dorn
- Mark Center
- Metrorail: Blue and Yellow Lines
- NOVA Community College (NVCC)
- Old Town
- Pentagon
- Pentagon City
- Potomac Yard
- Shirlington



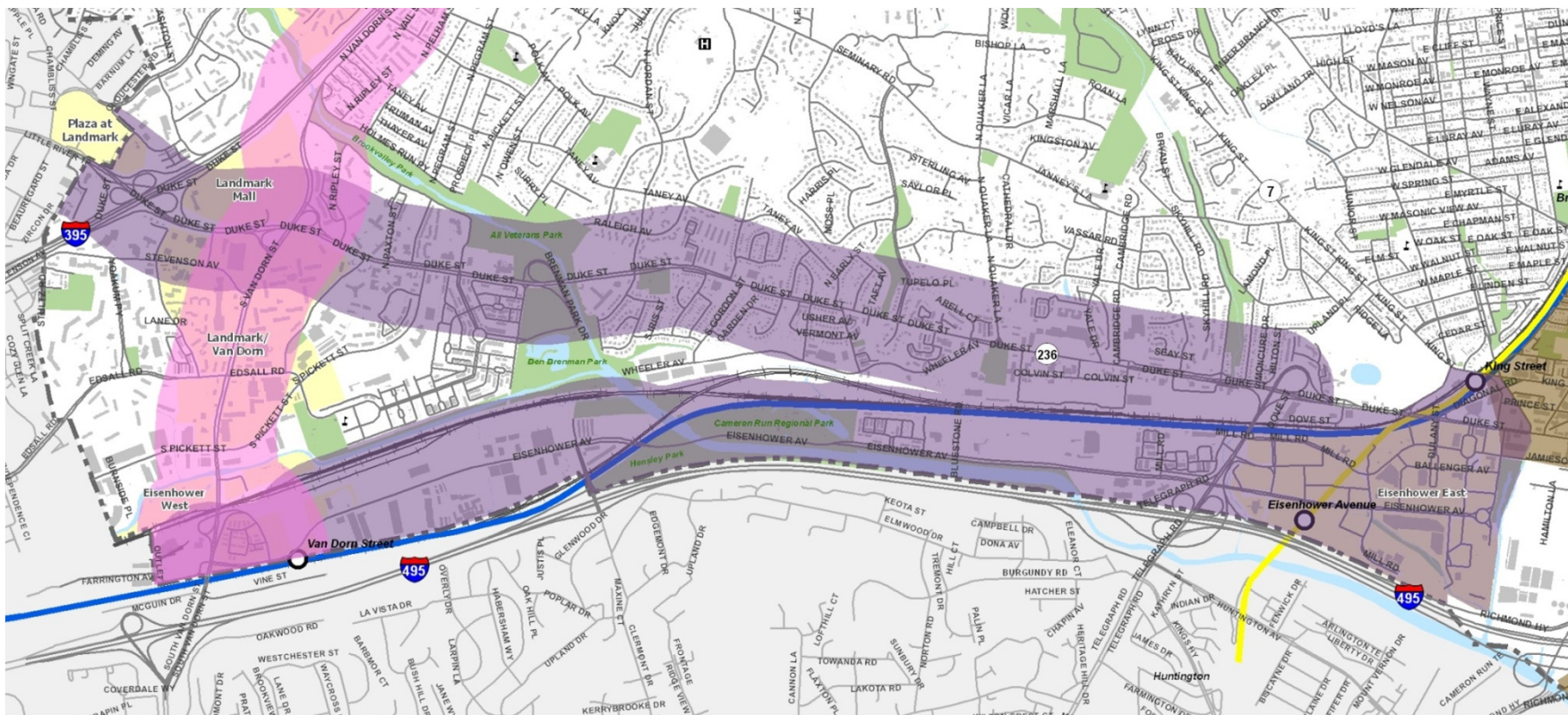
Corridor A

- Crystal City/Potomac Yard Transitway between Braddock Road Metrorail Station and Pentagon/Pentagon City Metrorail Stations
- Major destinations
 - Old Town
 - Potomac Yard
 - Pentagon
 - Crystal City
 - King Street and Braddock Road Metro
- Specific alignment south of Braddock Road Metro to be determined

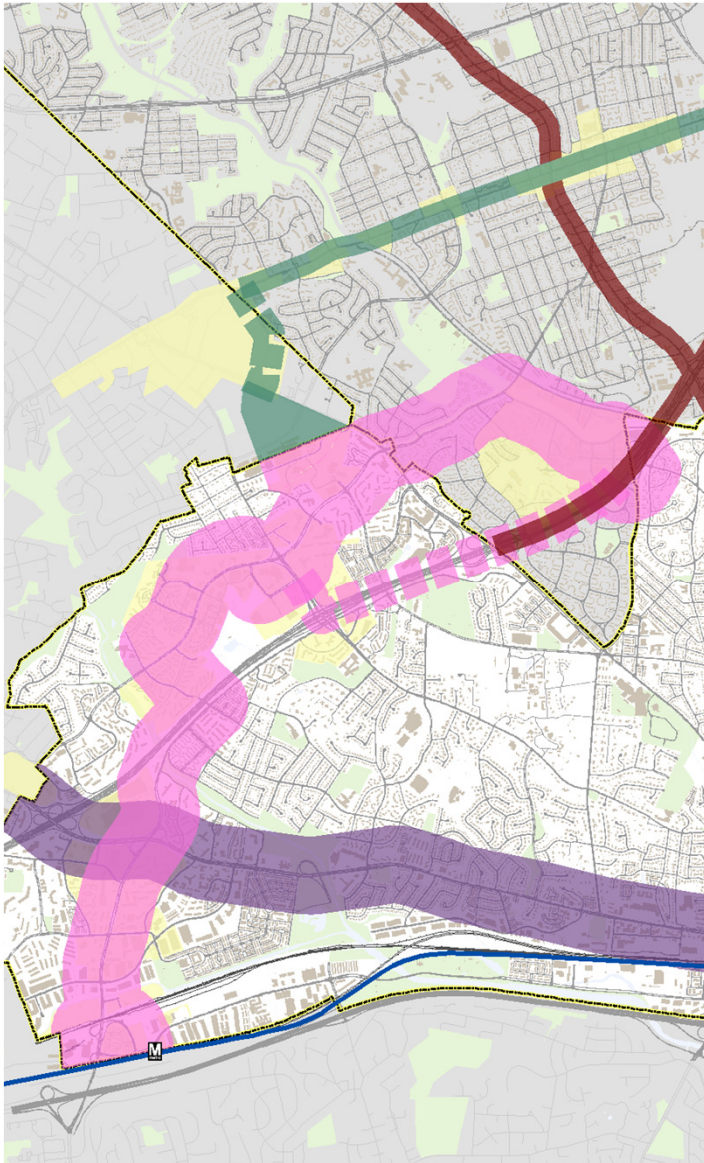


Corridor B

- Connects King Street Metrorail Station area to Fairfax County
- Major destinations
 - Carlyle
 - Landmark Mall/Van Dorn
 - Cameron Station



Corridor C



- **Transit Modes**
- **Corridor Connections**
- **Alignment Options**

Preliminary Corridor C Alternatives

Alternative A



Streetcar

- Mixed Flow
- Connecting to Columbia Pike

Alternative B



Rapid Bus

- Mixed Flow
- Connecting to Pentagon and Shirlington

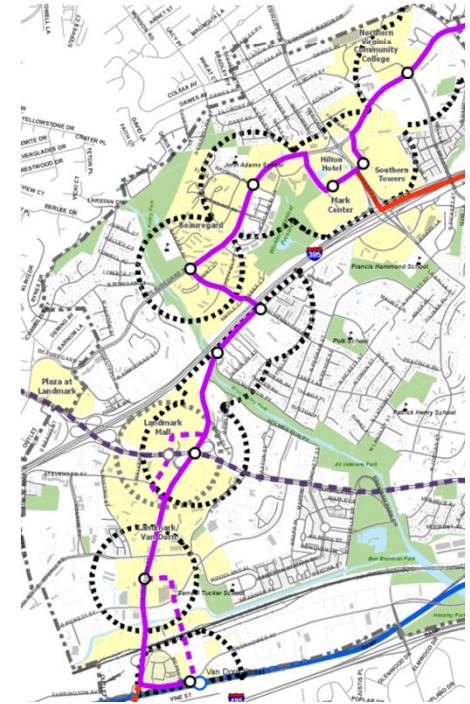
Alternative C



Rapid Bus

- Mixed Flow
- Connecting to Pentagon

Alternative D



Bus Rapid Transit

- Dedicated Lanes
- Connecting to Pentagon and Shirlington

Legend

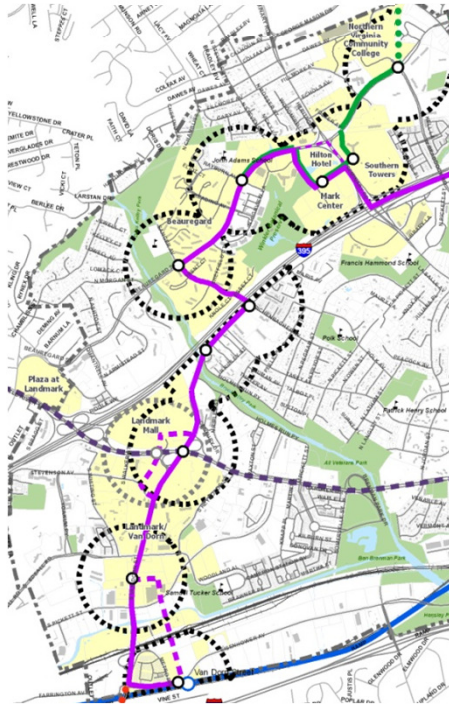
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| Rapid Bus | Phased Route |
| Streetcar - Mixed Flow | Optional Route |
| BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) | or Columbia Pike Connection |
| Streetcar (dedicated lanes) | Transitway Station |
| | Quarter-mile station area |

Streetcar

- Mixed Flow
- Connecting to Beauregard Town Center

Preliminary Alternatives

Alternative E



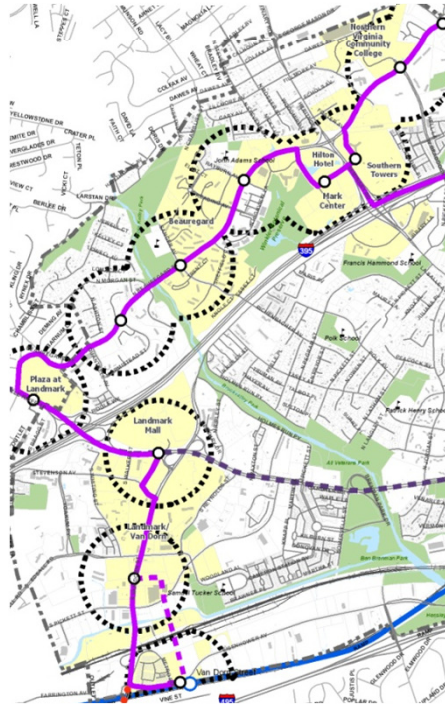
Bus Rapid Transit

- Dedicated Lanes
- Connecting to Pentagon

Streetcar

- Mixed Flow
- Connecting to Beauregard Town Center

Alternative F



Bus Rapid Transit

- Dedicated Lanes
- Connecting to Pentagon and Shirlington via the Plaza at Landmark

Alternative G



Streetcar

- Dedicated Lanes
- Connecting to Columbia Pike

Legend

— Rapid Bus

— Streetcar - Mixed Flow

— BRT (Bus Rapid Transit)

— Streetcar (dedicated lanes)

- - - Phased Route

| | | Optional Route
or Columbia Pike Connection

 Transitway Station

 Quarter-mile station area

Preliminary Screening Summary

Preliminary Screening Criteria	Alternative						
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Transit Mode:	Streetcar (mixed)	Rapid Bus (mixed)	Streetcar (mixed) & Rapid Bus (mixed)	BRT (mixed & dedicated)	Streetcar (mixed) & BRT (mixed & dedicated)	BRT (mixed & dedicated)	Streetcar (dedicated)
Northern Connection:	Columbia Pike	Shirlington & Pentagon	Columbia Pike & Pentagon	Shirlington & Pentagon	Columbia Pike & Pentagon	Shirlington & Pentagon	Columbia Pike
Service to Regional Destinations							
Service to Population, Employment, & Retail in the Corridor							
Transit Connectivity							
Transit Travel Times							
Alignment Quality							
Property Impacts							
Traffic Flow Impact							
Capital Cost							
Preliminary Cost Estimate* (capital cost, based on modal cost per-mile within the City)	\$90M	\$15M	\$40M	\$50M	\$65M	\$55M	\$180M
Rating:	Best	Fair	Poor				

Preliminary Alternatives Selected for Further Evaluation

Alternative B



- Possible preliminary phase of any other alternative
- Baseline for evaluation

Alternative D



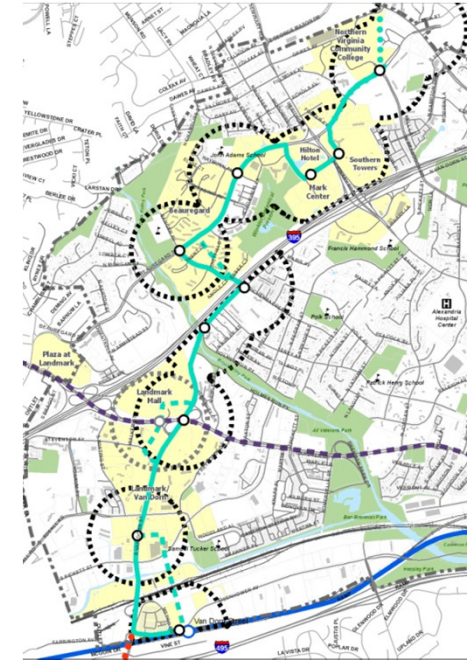
- Support from CWG
- BRT
- Shirlington connection
- Moderate capital cost

Alternative E



- Support from CWG
- BRT and streetcar
- Single seat ride between Columbia Pike and potential Beauregard Town Center
- Moderate-high capital cost

Alternative G



- Public support
- Streetcar option
- Compatibility with Columbia Pike
- High capital cost

Legend

— Rapid Bus

— Streetcar - Mixed Flow

— BRT (Bus Rapid Transit)

— Streetcar (dedicated lanes)

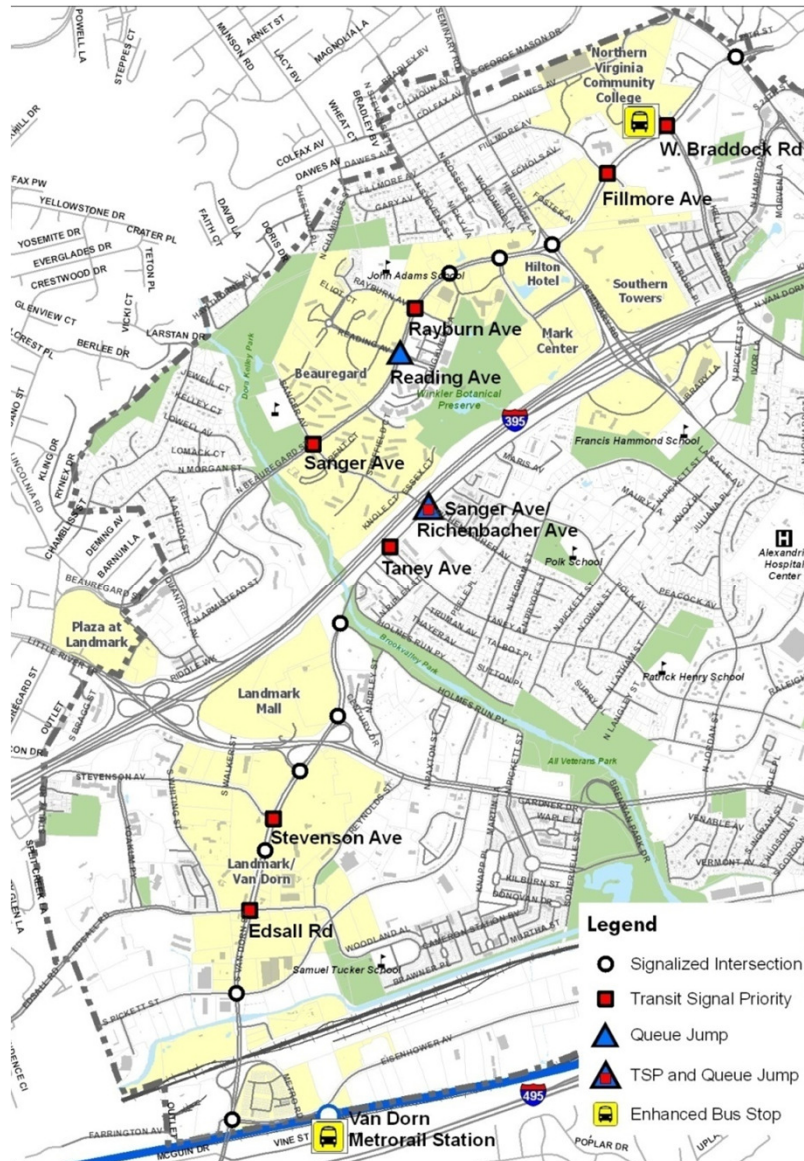
- - - Phased Route

| | | Optional Route
or Columbia Pike Connection

○ Transitway Station

- - - Quarter-mile station area

Baseline Alternative



TIGER Grant-Funded Van Dorn/Beauregard Transit Improvements Project

Transit Signal Priority Locations

1. Beauregard St at W. Braddock Rd
2. Beauregard St at Fillmore Ave
3. Beauregard St at Rayburn Ave
4. Beauregard St at Sanger Ave
5. S. Van Dorn St at Sanger Ave
6. S. Van Dorn St at Taney Ave
7. S. Van Dorn St at Stevenson Ave
8. S. Van Dorn St at Edsall Rd

Queue Jump Locations

1. Beauregard St at Reading Ave
2. N. Van Dorn St at Sanger Ave/ Richenbacher Ave

Enhanced Bus Stop Locations

1. Beauregard St at W. Braddock Rd
2. Van Dorn Metrorail station

Secondary Screening - Effectiveness

Evaluation Criteria			Alternative			
			B <i>(baseline)</i>	D	E	G
Transit Mode:			Rapid Bus (mixed)	BRT (mixed & dedicated)	Streetcar (mixed) & BRT (mixed & dedicated)	Streetcar (dedicated)
Northern Connection:			Shirlington & Pentagon	Shirlington & Pentagon	Columbia Pike & Pentagon	Columbia Pike
Coverage	Service to Regional Destinations		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
	Service to Population, Employment, & Retail in the Corridor		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
	Transit Connectivity		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
Operations	Running-way Configuration(s)		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
	Corridor Length		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
	Capacity		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
	Interoperability		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
	Avoidance of Congestion		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
	Transit Travel Times	In Corridor	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
		Between Termini	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
	Ridership		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
	Intersection Priority		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
Align-ment	Alignment Quality		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
	Runningway Status		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
Phasing			N/A	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>

Rating:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Best	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poor
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Typical Vehicle Capacity

Vehicle	Seated Capacity	Standing Capacity	Total Capacity
BRT Vehicle	30 to 60 passengers	30 to 60 passengers	80 to 90 passengers
Streetcar Vehicle	approximately 30 passengers	110 to 140 passengers	140 to 170 passengers

















































- BRT vehicles typically seat more people than streetcars
- Streetcar vehicles have a higher overall capacity than BRT vehicles





Planning-Level Ridership Forecasts

	Alternative			
	B (baseline)	D	E	G
Transit Mode:	Rapid Bus (mixed)	BRT (mixed & dedicated)	Streetcar (mixed) & BRT (mixed & dedicated)	Streetcar (dedicated)
Northern Connection:	Shirlington & Pentagon	Shirlington & Pentagon	Columbia Pike & Pentagon	Columbia Pike
Year 2035 Daily Weekday Ridership	-	12,500 to 17,500 riders/day	13,500 to 19,000 riders/day	15,000 to 20,000 riders/day

- Approximately 20% difference between lowest and highest daily ridership

Secondary Screening - Impacts

Evaluation Criteria		Alternative			
		B (baseline)	D	E	G
Transit Mode:		Rapid Bus (mixed)	BRT (mixed & dedicated)	Streetcar (mixed) & BRT (mixed & dedicated)	Streetcar (dedicated)
Northern Connection:		Shirlington & Pentagon	Shirlington & Pentagon	Columbia Pike & Pentagon	Columbia Pike
Economic	Development Incentive				
	Natural Environment				
Natural Environment	Parks and Open Space				
	Property				
Neighborhood and Community	Streetscapes				
	Community Resources				
	Demographics				
	Noise and Vibration				
	Traffic Flow Impact				
Transportation	Traffic Signals				
	Multimodal Accommodation				
	Parking				

Rating:  Best  Fair  Fair  Poor

Secondary Screening – Cost Effectiveness

Evaluation Criteria		Alternative			
		B (baseline)	D	E	G
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Cost Effectiveness	Capital Cost	■	■□	■□	□
	Right-of-Way Cost	■	■□	□	□
	Operating Cost	■□	■	■□	■
	Order of Magnitude Cost Per Rider	-	■□	□	■

Rating:	■	Best	■□	Fair	□	Poor
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4. Planning level cost estimates are shown in year 2010 dollars and do not include additional contingency or escalation to a future year mid-point of construction. Totals listed do not include costs for major utility relocations/new service, or the capital costs for roadway/streetscape improvements that may be implemented concurrently, but are not required for the transit project. Alignments designated as "optional" or "phased" are not included in the cost.

Planning-Level Cost Estimates

	Alternative			
	B (baseline)	D	E	G
Transit Mode:	Rapid Bus (mixed)	BRT (mixed & dedicated)	Streetcar (mixed) & BRT (mixed & dedicated)	Streetcar (dedicated)
Northern Connection:	Shirlington & Pentagon	Shirlington & Pentagon	Columbia Pike & Pentagon	Columbia Pike
Capital Cost Estimate¹ (exclusive of vehicles, based on modal cost per-mile within the City and maintenance facility cost estimation)	\$15 M	\$48 M	\$67 M	\$185 M
25-year Fleet Cost Estimate²	\$24 M	\$20 M	\$34 M	\$29 M
Right-of-Way Cost Estimate^{1, 3}	\$0 M	\$33 M	\$43 M	\$50 M
25-year Operating Cost	\$67 M	\$60 M	\$73 M	\$59 M
Planning-Level Cost Estimate⁴	\$106 M	\$161 M	\$ 217 M	\$323 M

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New Starts/Small Starts Recent Funding Allocations

- FTA Fiscal Year 2012 Funding Recommendations
 - 6 BRT projects, 3 LRT projects, 1 Heavy Rail project
- Bus Rapid Transit Projects
 - Range of project capital costs: \$21 to +\$200 million
 - Range of FTA funding participation
 - 35% to 80% federal funding
 - Maximum participation (Small Starts, 80% or \$75 million, whichever is less)
- Light Rail Transit Projects
 - No streetcar projects currently funded in FY 2012 allocation
 - Range of project capital costs: \$200 million to \$1.5 billion
 - Range of FTA funding participation
 - 40% to 60% federal funding
 - Maximum participation – varies, generally in 50% to 60% range

Corridor C - Conceptual Project Funding Scenario

Project	Transit Mode	Total Capital Cost (millions)	Federal Share (millions)	Local Share (millions)	Federal Percent	Section 5309 Project Type
Alternative D	BRT	\$ 88.0	\$ 70.4	\$ 17.6	80%	Small Starts
Alternative G	Streetcar	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.0	\$ 100.0	60%	New Starts

- Small Starts Scenario – Alternative D (BRT)
 - Assumes maximum of \$75 million or 80% federal funding, whichever is less
 - Project cost: \$88 million
 - Federal portion would be \$70.4 million
 - Local portion would be approximately \$17.6 million
- New Starts Scenario – Alternative G (Streetcar)
 - Assumes 60% federal funding
 - Project cost: \$250 million
 - Federal portion would be \$150 million
 - Local portion would be approximately \$100 million

QUESTIONS?

Secondary Screening Criteria

General Evaluation Criteria Grouping	Criteria Sub-Group	Evaluation Criteria	For Use in Preliminary Screening of Concepts	For Use in Comparative Evaluation of Concepts	Measurement Method
Effectiveness - Addresses stated transportation issues in the corridor	Coverage	Service to Population, Employment, and Other Destinations	✓	✓	Tabulate population, employment, key destinations, and similar, served by option
		Transit Connectivity	✓	✓	Access to other transit services (existing and planned)
	Operations	Running-way Configuration(s)		✓	Quantify amount of runningway that is dedicated and amount that is mixed flow
		Corridor Length		✓	Measured length of the corridor (miles or feet)
		Capacity		✓	Potential corridor capacity (hourly) based on mode technology, headways, and other conditions
		Interoperability		✓	Identification of whether the chosen runningway configuration and transit mode technology are compatible with regionally planned systems
		Avoidance of Congestion		✓	Number and locations of LOS E/F intersections avoided
		Transit Travel Time	✓	✓	Transit travel time
		Intersection Priority		✓	Percent of intersections where TSP is needed and can be implemented successfully - notation of where it cannot be implemented successfully
		Ridership		✓	Forecast number of riders
	Alignment	Geometrics	✓	✓	Geometric quality of alignment
		Runningway Status		✓	Percent of corridor to be located on new or realigned roadway
	Phasing	Phasing		✓	Identification of ability to phase operations and implementation
Impacts - Extent to which economics, environment, community, transportation are affected	Economic	Development Incentive		✓	Perceived value of transit mode technologies with regard to development potential
	Natural Environmental	Natural Environment		✓	Summary of key environmental conditions affected (wetlands, floodplains, T&E, streams, and similar)
		Parks and Open Space		✓	Summary of parks and/or open spaces affected
	Neighborhood and Community	Property	✓	✓	Number, use type, and quantity of properties impacted with anticipated level of impact (ROW only, partial take, total take)
		Streetscapes		✓	Impact to existing streetscapes
		Community Resources		✓	Identify number and location of historical, cultural, community, archaeological resources affected
		Demographics		✓	Identification of impacts to special populations
		Noise and Vibration		✓	Summarize relative noise and vibration impacts of different mode types and corridor configurations
	Transportation	Traffic Flow Impact	✓	✓	Effect of transit implementation on vehicular capacity of corridor
		Traffic Signals		✓	Number of existing signalized intersections affected by transit, identification of need for new signal phases, and number/location of new traffic signals needed to accommodate transit
		Multimodal Accommodation		✓	Impacts to, and ability to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians
		Parking		✓	Impacts to parking
Cost Effectiveness - Extent to which the costs are commensurate with their benefits	Cost	Capital cost	✓	✓	Order of magnitude capital cost for corridor (stations, runningway, etc.)
		Operating cost		✓	Order of magnitude operating cost
		Cost Per Rider		✓	Order of magnitude operating cost per rider
Financial Feasibility - Cost of system/concept is in alignment with available funding	Funding	Funding		✓	Availability to specific funding sources
		Private Capital Incentive		✓	Judgment as to whether the concept has the potential to attract private capital investment and innovative procurement

Preliminary Screening Criteria

Preliminary Screening Criteria	Description
Service to Regional Destinations	Key destinations served
Service to Population, Employment, and Retail in the Corridor	Population, employment, retail, and key destinations served
Transit Connectivity	Access to other transit services (existing and planned)
Transit Travel Time	Relative speed of transit along the Van Dorn/Beauregard corridor
Alignment Quality	Geometric quality of alignment
Property Impacts	Number, use type, and quantity of properties impacted with anticipated level of impact (ROW only, partial take, total take)
Traffic Flow Impact	Effect of transit implementation on general vehicle flow (non-transit) in corridor
Capital Cost	Comparative capital cost for initial system construction

Summary of CWG and Public Comments

CWG Members

- Some preference for Alternative B due to its low initial cost and shorter time period for implementation
- More capital-intensive alternatives were preferred due to their ability to operate more efficiently and to tie to the regional streetcar network
- Connectivity to the Pentagon and Shirlington were identified as important

Public Comments

- Need for a multi-phased approach to implementing the transitway
- Start out with something smaller, not high capacity transit
- Need something that is permanent, like streetcars, that will attract visitors and development
- Need dedicated lanes for system effectiveness
- Need to know ridership before dismissing streetcars
- Sanger Avenue cannot handle a transitway – already constrained and potential environmental impacts to Holmes Run
- Question as to the value of serving the Pentagon
- Need to serve local residents first, then regional
- Provide connectivity to local activity centers in Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax

Secondary Screening - Effectiveness

Criteria Sub-Group	Evaluation Criteria	Measurement Method
Coverage	Service to Population, Employment, and Other Destinations	Tabulate population, employment, key destinations, and similar, served by option
	Transit Connectivity	Access to other transit services (existing and planned)
Operations	Running-way Configuration(s)	Quantify amount of runningway that is dedicated and amount that is mixed flow
	Corridor Length	Measured length of the corridor (mi or feet)
	Capacity	Potential corridor capacity (hourly) based on mode technology, headways, and other conditions
	Interoperability	Identification of whether the chosen runningway configuration and transit mode technology are compatible with regionally planned systems
	Avoidance of Congestion	Number and locations of LOS E/F intersections avoided
	Transit Travel Time	Transit travel time
	Intersection Priority	Percent of intersections where TSP is needed and can be implemented successfully - notation of where it cannot be implemented successfully
	Ridership	Forecast number of riders
Alignment	Geometrics	Geometric quality of alignment
	Runningway Status	Percent of corridor to be located on new or realigned roadway
Phasing	Phasing	Identification of ability to phase operations and implementation

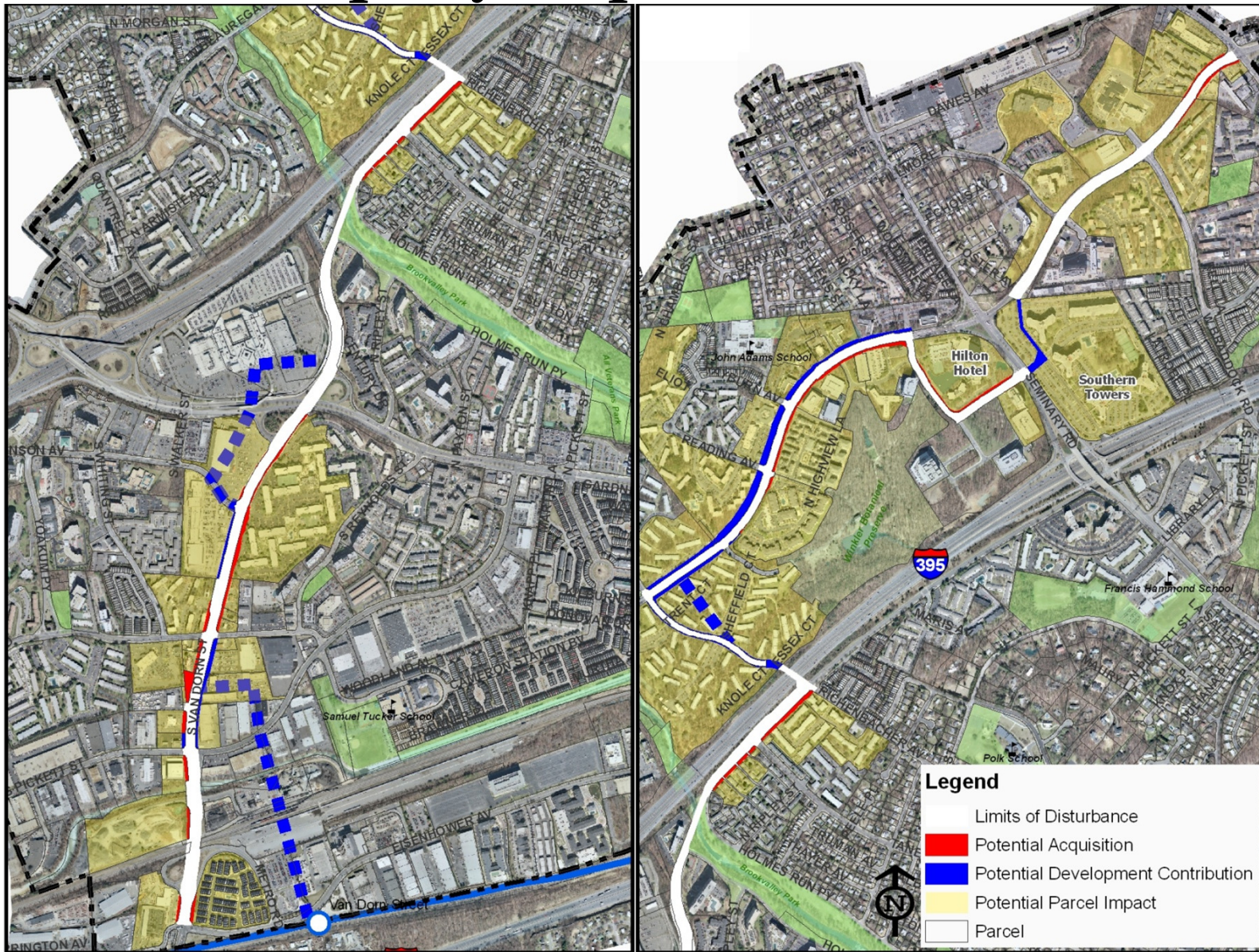
Runningway for Alternatives B, D, E and G



Secondary Screening - Impacts

Criteria Sub-Group	Evaluation Criteria	Measurement Method
Economic	Development Incentive	Perceived value of transit mode technologies with regard to development potential
Natural Environmental	Natural Environment	Summary of key environmental conditions affected (wetlands, floodplains, T&E, streams, and similar)
	Parks and Open Space	Summary of parks and/or open spaces affected
Neighborhood and Community	Property	Number, use type, and quantity of properties impacted with anticipated level of impact (ROW only, partial take, total take)
	Streetscapes	Impact to existing streetscapes
	Community Resources	Identify number and location of historical, cultural, community, archaeological resources affected
	Demographics	Identification of impacts to special populations
	Noise and Vibration	Summarize relative noise and vibration impacts of different mode types and corridor configurations
Transportation	Traffic Flow Impact	Effect of transit implementation on vehicular capacity of corridor
	Traffic Signals	Number of existing signalized intersections affected by transit, identification of need for new signal phases, and number/location of new traffic signals needed to accommodate transit
	Multimodal Accommodation	Impacts to, and ability to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians
	Parking	Impacts to parking

Potential Property Impacts



Secondary Screening – Cost Effectiveness

Criteria Sub-Group	Evaluation Criteria	Measurement Method
Cost	Capital cost	Order of magnitude capital cost for corridor (stations, runningway, etc.)
	Operating cost	Order of magnitude operating cost
	Cost Per Rider	Order of magnitude operating cost per rider

Assumed Transit Hours of Operations and Headways

Day of Week		Headway	Duration	Total Duration of Operation
Weekdays	Peak	7.5 min	8 hours	18 hours
	Off-Peak	15 min	10 hours	
Saturdays		15 min	18 hours	18 hours
Sundays/ Holidays		20 min	12 hours	12 hours

- Rapid bus, BRT, and streetcar all assume the same duration of service and headways
- Hours of operation are complementary of Metrorail services

Planning-Level Operating Cost Estimate

	Alternative			
	B (baseline)	D	E	G
Transit Mode:	Rapid Bus (mixed)	BRT (mixed & dedicated)	Streetcar (mixed) & BRT (mixed & dedicated)	Streetcar (dedicated)
Northern Connection:	Shirlington & Pentagon	Shirlington & Pentagon	Columbia Pike & Pentagon	Columbia Pike
Annual Operating Cost	\$3.9 M	\$3.5 M	\$4.2 M	\$3.4 M
25-year Operating Cost ^{1, 2}	\$67 M	\$60 M	\$73 M	\$59 M
Average Operating Cost/Rider	N/A	\$1.80	\$2.00	\$1.50

- Streetcar has lowest operating cost
- Mixed mode option has highest operating cost
- 20% difference between highest and lowest operating costs

Notes

1. Operating costs assume an annual 3% inflation rate

2. Operating costs are for portions of the transitways in the City of Alexandria only

FTA Recommended FY 2012 Allocations

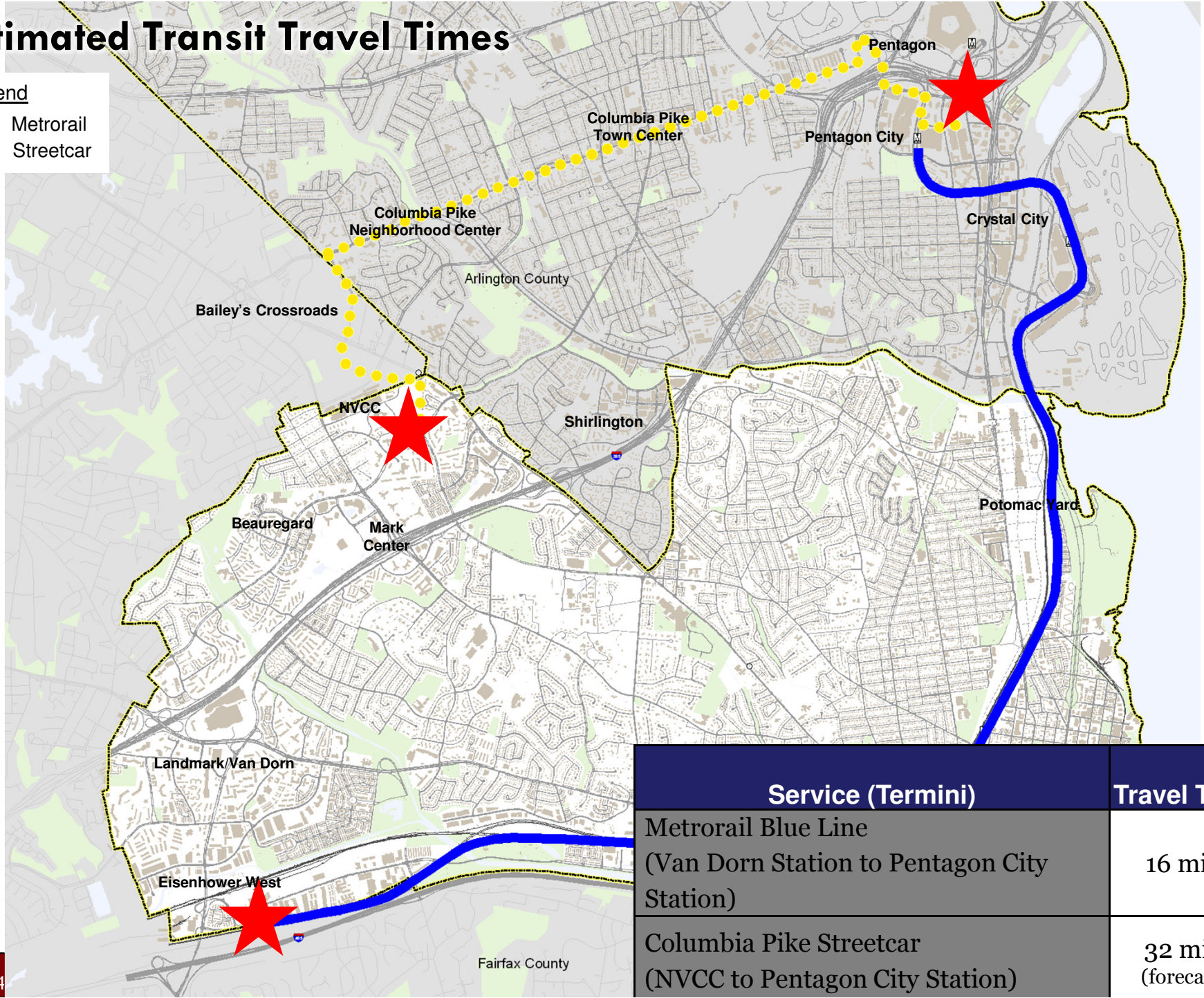
Project	Project Type	Total Capital Cost (millions)	Federal Share	Local Share	Federal Percent	Section 5309 Project Type
<u>Bus Rapid Transit Projects</u>						
East Bay BRT (Oakland, CA)*	BRT	\$ 216.12	\$ 75.00	\$ 141.12	35%	Small Starts
King County RapidRide F Line (Seattle, WA)	BRT	\$ 36.80	\$ 15.88	\$ 20.92	43%	Small Starts
King County RapidRide E Line (Seattle, WA)	BRT	\$ 48.09	\$ 21.63	\$ 26.46	45%	Small Starts
Mesa Corridor BRT (El Paso, TX)	BRT	\$ 27.08	\$ 13.54	\$ 13.54	50%	Small Starts
Silver Line BRT (Grand Rapids, Michigan)	BRT	\$ 37.00	\$ 29.60	\$ 7.40	80%	Small Starts
Fresno Area Express (Fresno, CA)	BRT	\$ 48.2	\$ 38.55	\$ 9.64	80%	Small Starts
JTA BRT North (Jacksonville, FL)	BRT	\$ 21.3	\$ 17.04	\$ 4.26	80%	Small Starts
<u>Light Rail Projects</u>						
Central Mesa LRT Extension (Mesa, Arizona)	LRT	\$ 198.49	\$ 75.00	\$ 123.49	38%	Small Starts
Draper Transit Corridor (Draper, UT)	LRT	\$ 206.30	\$ 123.62	\$ 82.68	60%	New Starts
Portland-Milwaukie LRT (Portland, Oregon)	LRT	\$ 1,490.35	\$ 745.18	\$ 745.17	50%	New Starts

Estimated Transit Travel Times

Legend

Metrorail

Streetcar

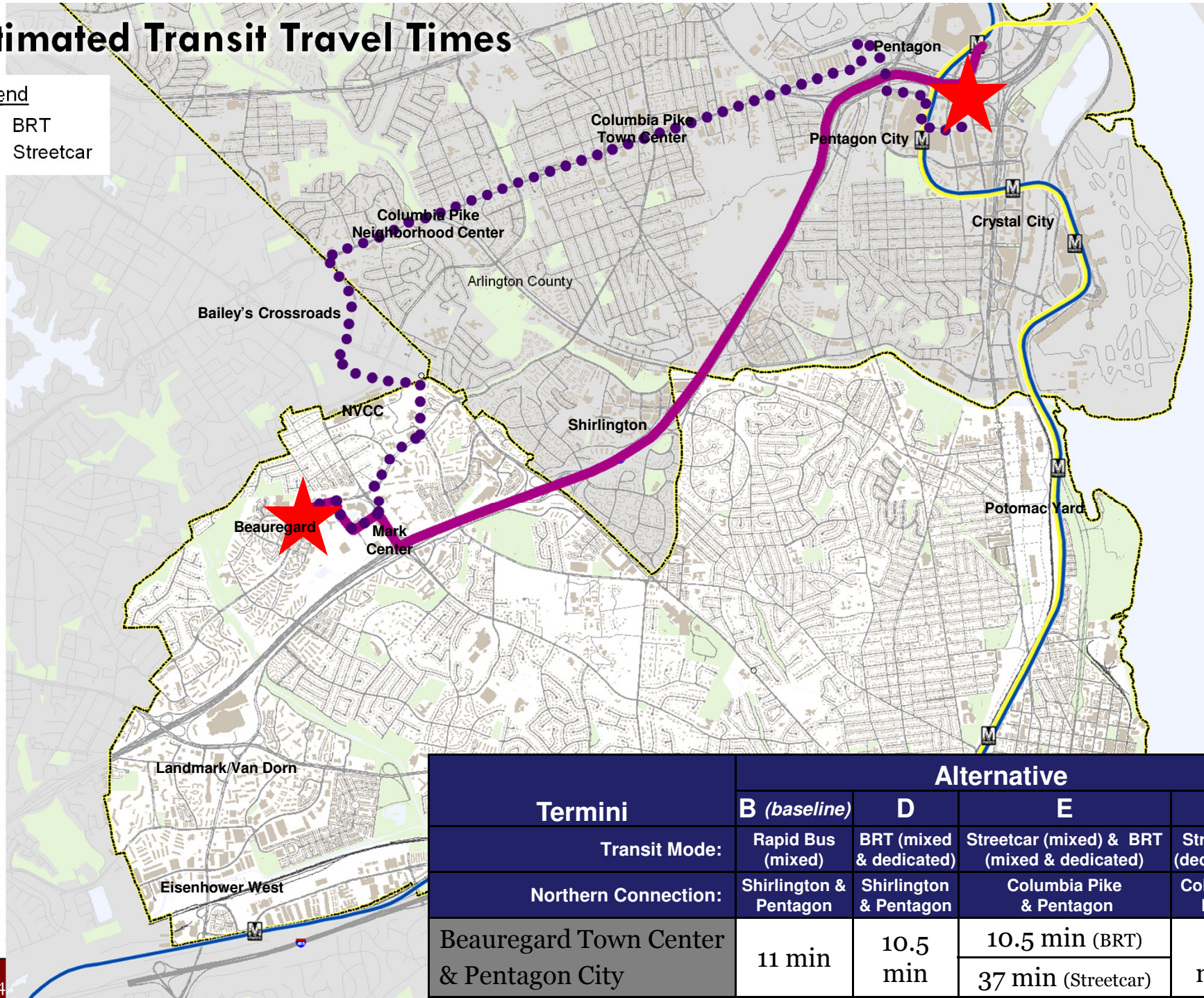


Service (Termini)	Travel Time
Metrorail Blue Line (Van Dorn Station to Pentagon City Station)	16 min
Columbia Pike Streetcar (NVCC to Pentagon City Station)	32 min (forecast)

Estimated Transit Travel Times

Legend

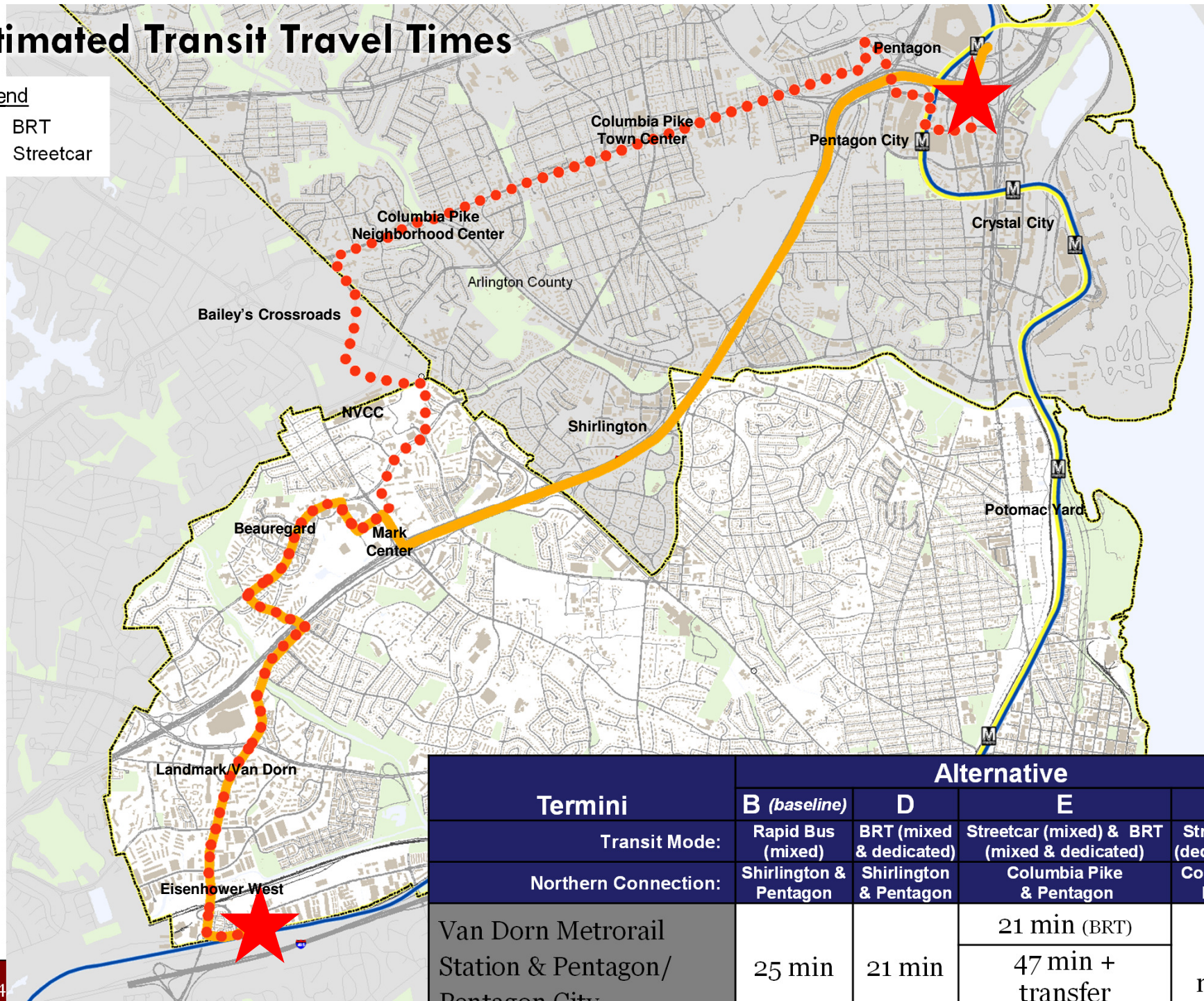
- BRT
- Streetcar



Estimated Transit Travel Times

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- BRT
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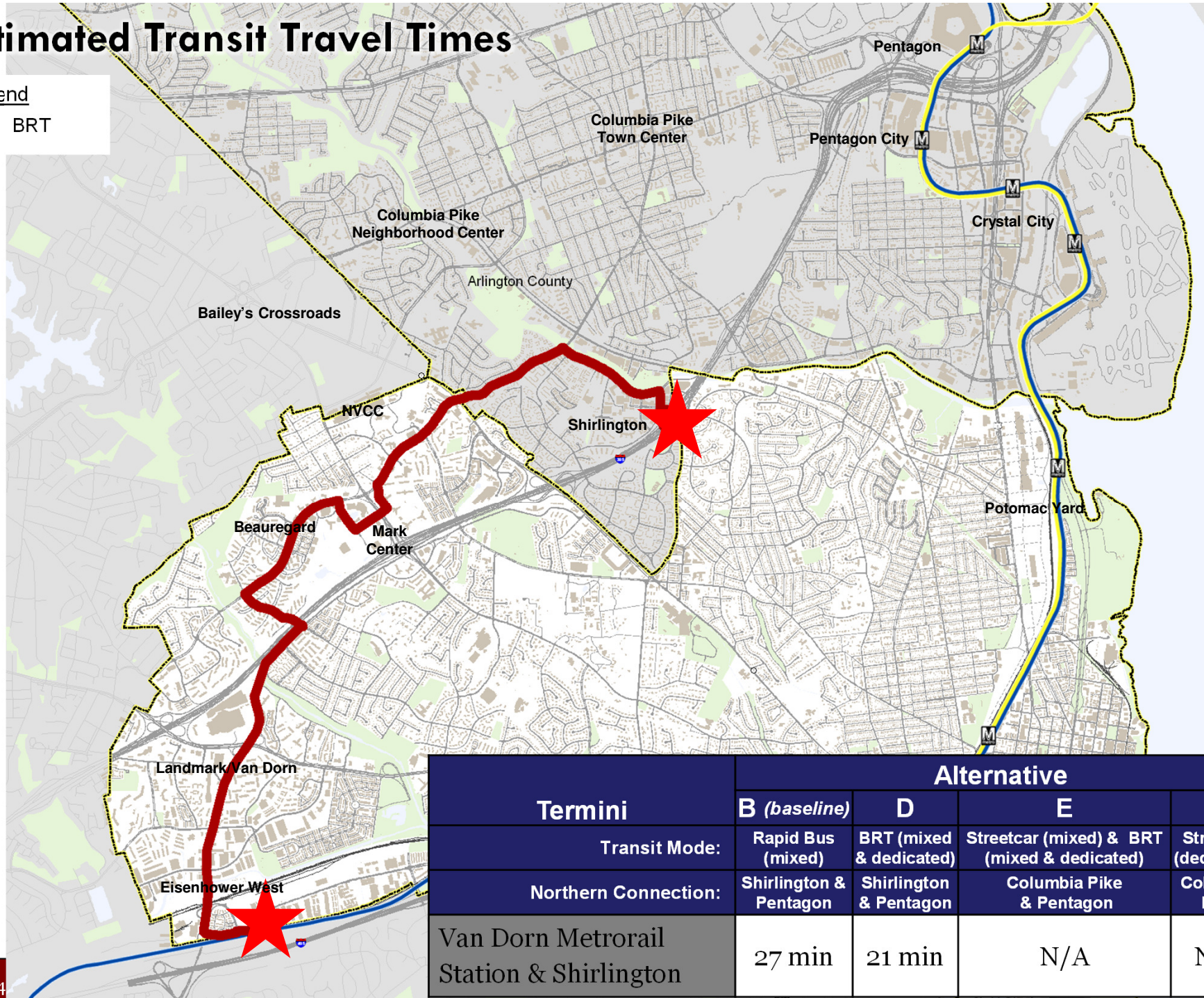


Termini	Alternative			
	B (baseline)	D	E	G
Transit Mode:	Rapid Bus (mixed)	BRT (mixed & dedicated)	Streetcar (mixed) & BRT (mixed & dedicated)	Streetcar (dedicated)
Northern Connection:	Shirlington & Pentagon	Shirlington & Pentagon	Columbia Pike & Pentagon	Columbia Pike
Van Dorn Metrorail Station & Pentagon/ Pentagon City	25 min	21 min	21 min (BRT)	47 min
			47 min + transfer	

Estimated Transit Travel Times

Legend

— BRT

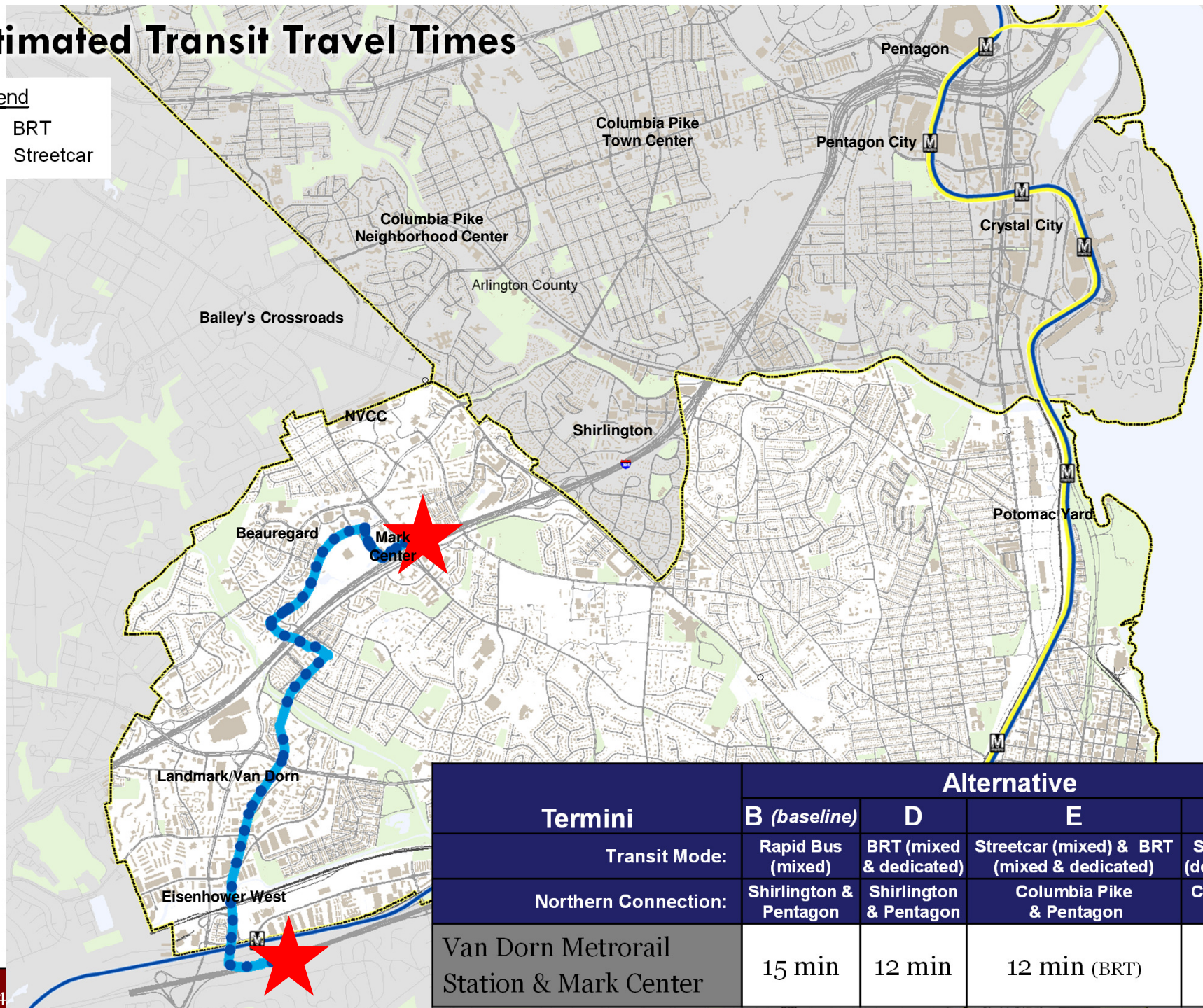


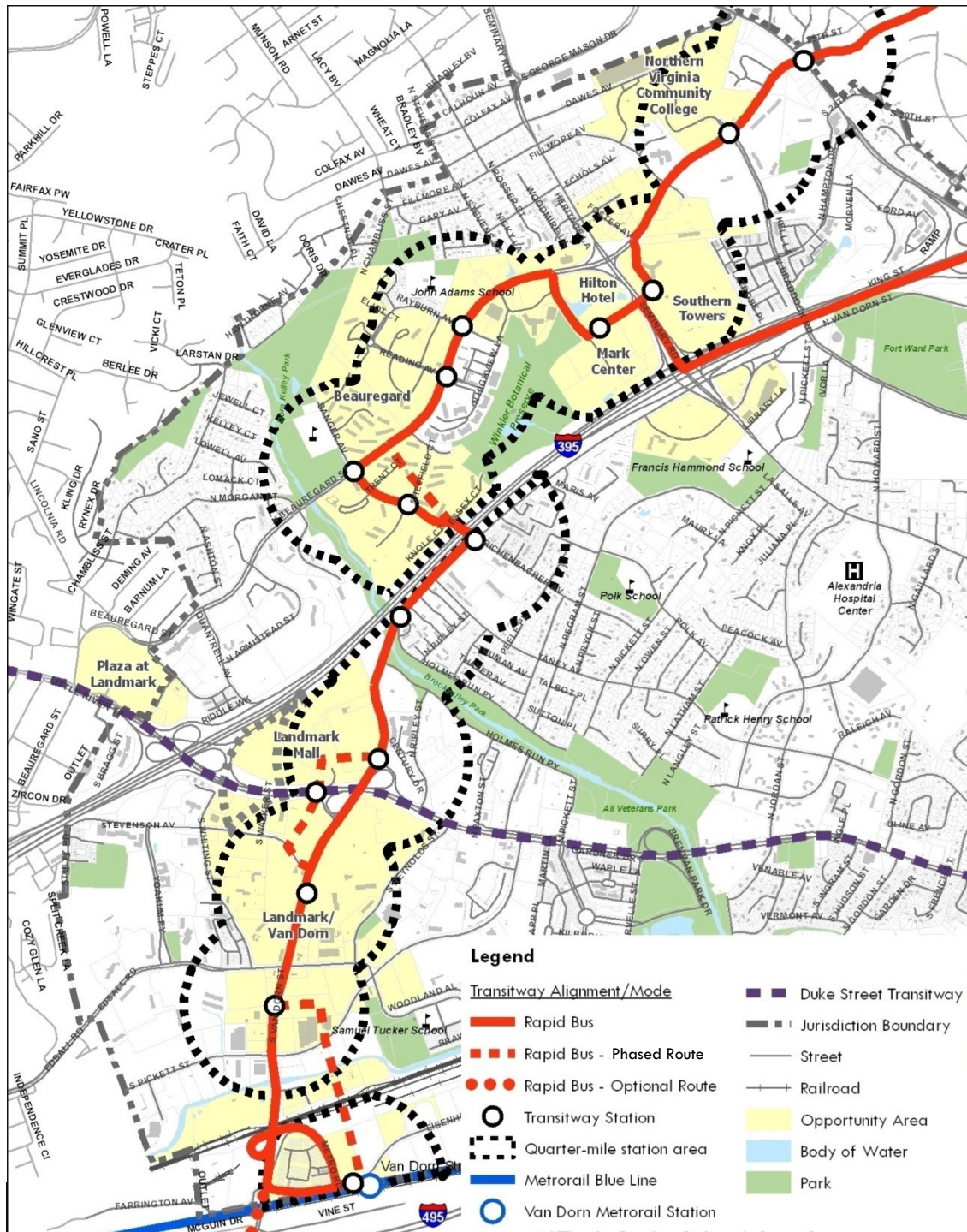
Termini	Alternative			
	B (baseline)	D	E	G
Transit Mode:	Rapid Bus (mixed)	BRT (mixed & dedicated)	Streetcar (mixed) & BRT (mixed & dedicated)	Streetcar (dedicated)
Northern Connection:	Shirlington & Pentagon	Shirlington & Pentagon	Columbia Pike & Pentagon	Columbia Pike
Van Dorn Metrorail Station & Shirlington	27 min	21 min	N/A	N/A

Estimated Transit Travel Times

Legend

- BRT
- Streetcar





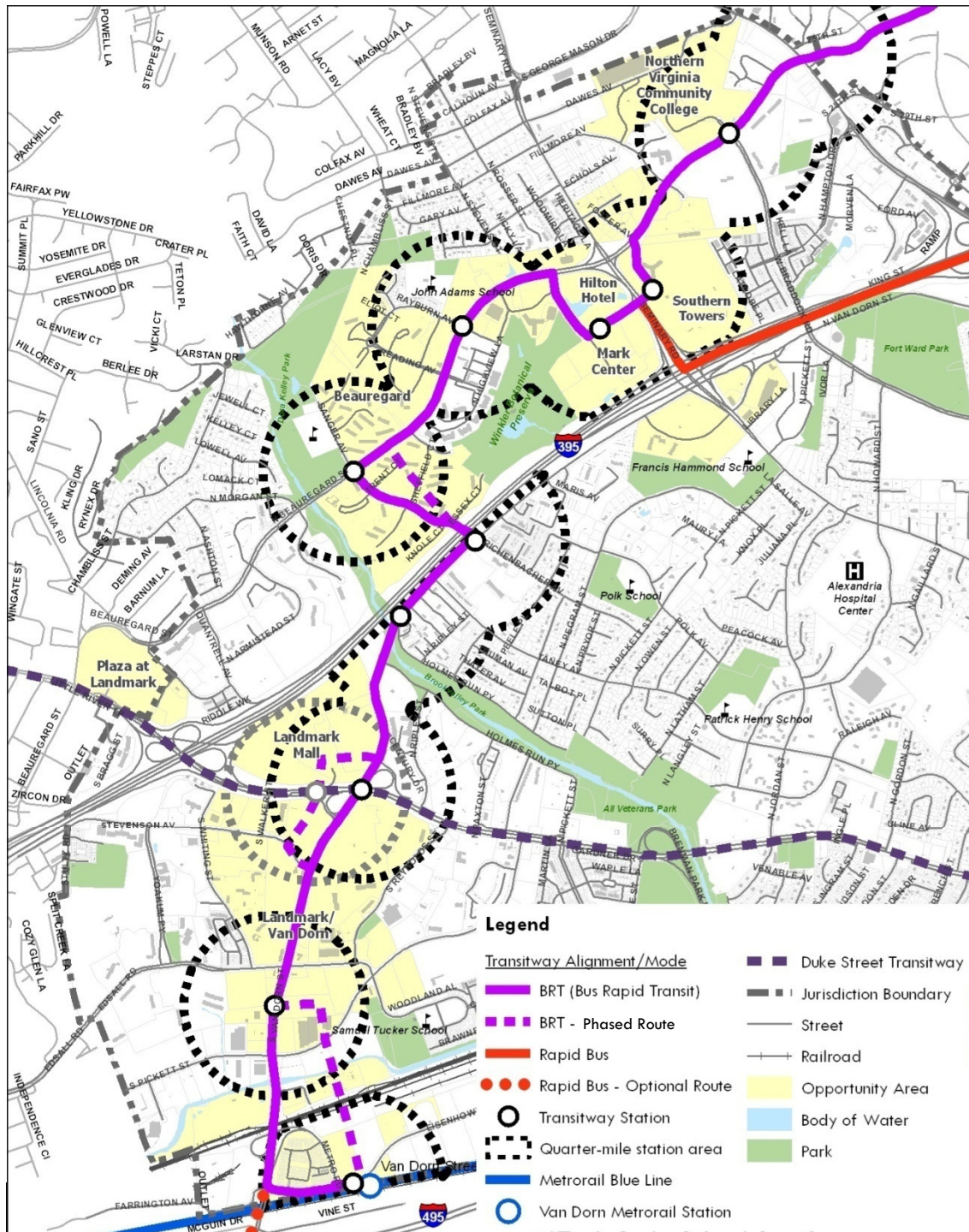
Alternative B: (Baseline) Rapid Bus in Mixed Flow Connecting to Pentagon and Shirlington

Advantages

- Easy to implement/short timeframe for implementation
- Portions of this alternative are funded through an existing TIGER grant
- Negligible impact on right-of-way, natural environment, communities, existing streetscape, etc.
- Low capital cost
- Would improve transit travel speeds in the corridor, but not as much as other alternatives
- Could be a first phase of any of the other alternatives

Disadvantages

- Travels in mixed flow, would be affected by congestion at some locations
- Higher operating cost than other options
- May be less attractive to riders than more capital-intensive alternatives
- Would create delay for traffic due to stopping buses



Alternative D: Bus Rapid Transit Connecting to Pentagon and Shirlington

Advantages

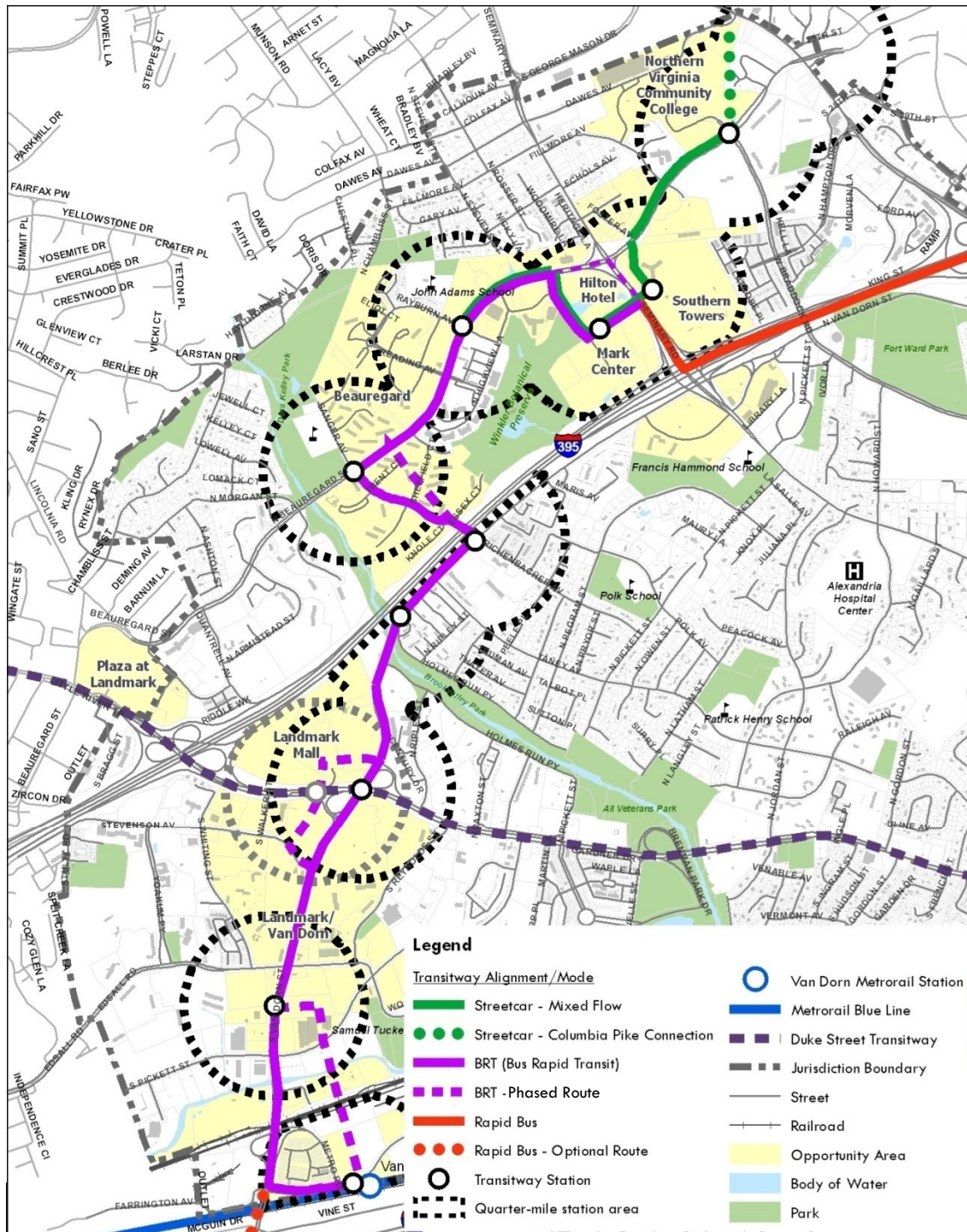
- Serves multiple regional destinations
- Moderate capital cost – less than streetcar and mixed mode options
- Significant improvement in transit travel speeds between termini
- Relatively efficient from an operations perspective
- Could be a phase of a streetcar alternative

Disadvantages

- May be less attractive to developers to incentivize redevelopment
- Has right-of-way and other physical impacts
- Transfer required to connect to Columbia Pike streetcar if implemented to NVCC campus

Other

- Less total capacity than streetcar; however, has more seated capacity than streetcar (assumes similar headways)



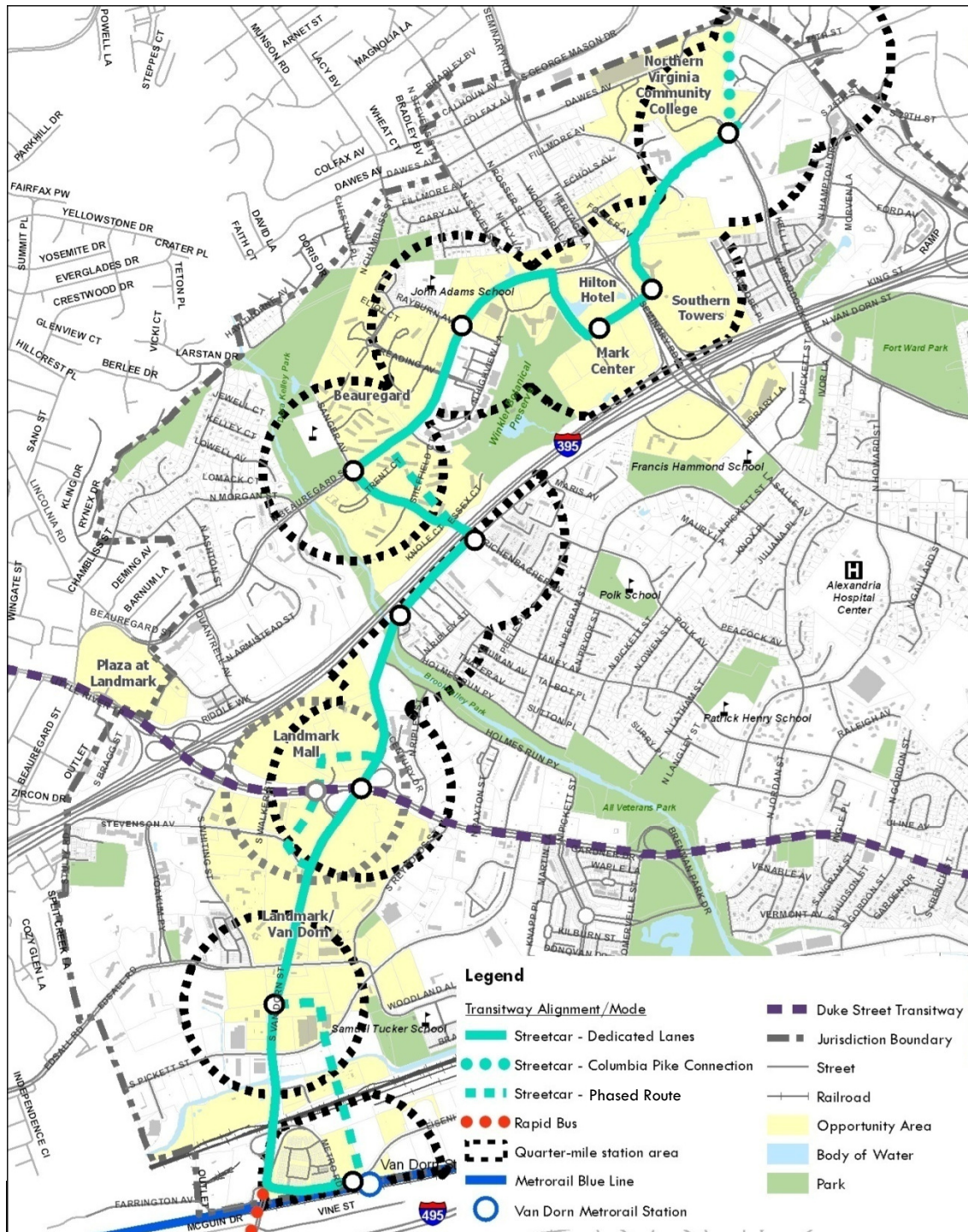
Alternative E: Bus Rapid Transit Connecting to Pentagon and Streetcar in Mixed Flow Connecting to Beauregard Town Center

Advantages

- Serves many local and regional destinations
- Moderate-high capital cost – less than streetcar only options, more than BRT only options
- Significant improvement in transit travel speeds between termini
- Flexibility in connection to Columbia Pike
- Could be a phase of a full streetcar alternative
- Some attraction to developers

Disadvantages

- Has right-of-way and other physical impacts
- Some transfers required to connect to Columbia Pike streetcar
- Highest operational cost of alternatives



Alternative G: Streetcar in Dedicated Lanes Connecting to Columbia Pike

Advantages

- Single-seat connection from Van Dorn Metrorail Station to Pentagon/Pentagon City via streetcar
- Significant improvement in transit travel speeds within the Van Dorn/Beauregard corridor
- Some attractiveness to developers
- Lowest operational cost of alternatives (Columbia Pike costs not included)
- Most attractive to development community

Disadvantages

- Substantially higher capital cost than other alternatives studied
- Columbia Pike travel speeds for streetcar will be low (~8 mph)
- Longest travel time between termini
- Has right-of-way and other physical impacts



Agenda Item #6

Staff Updates

